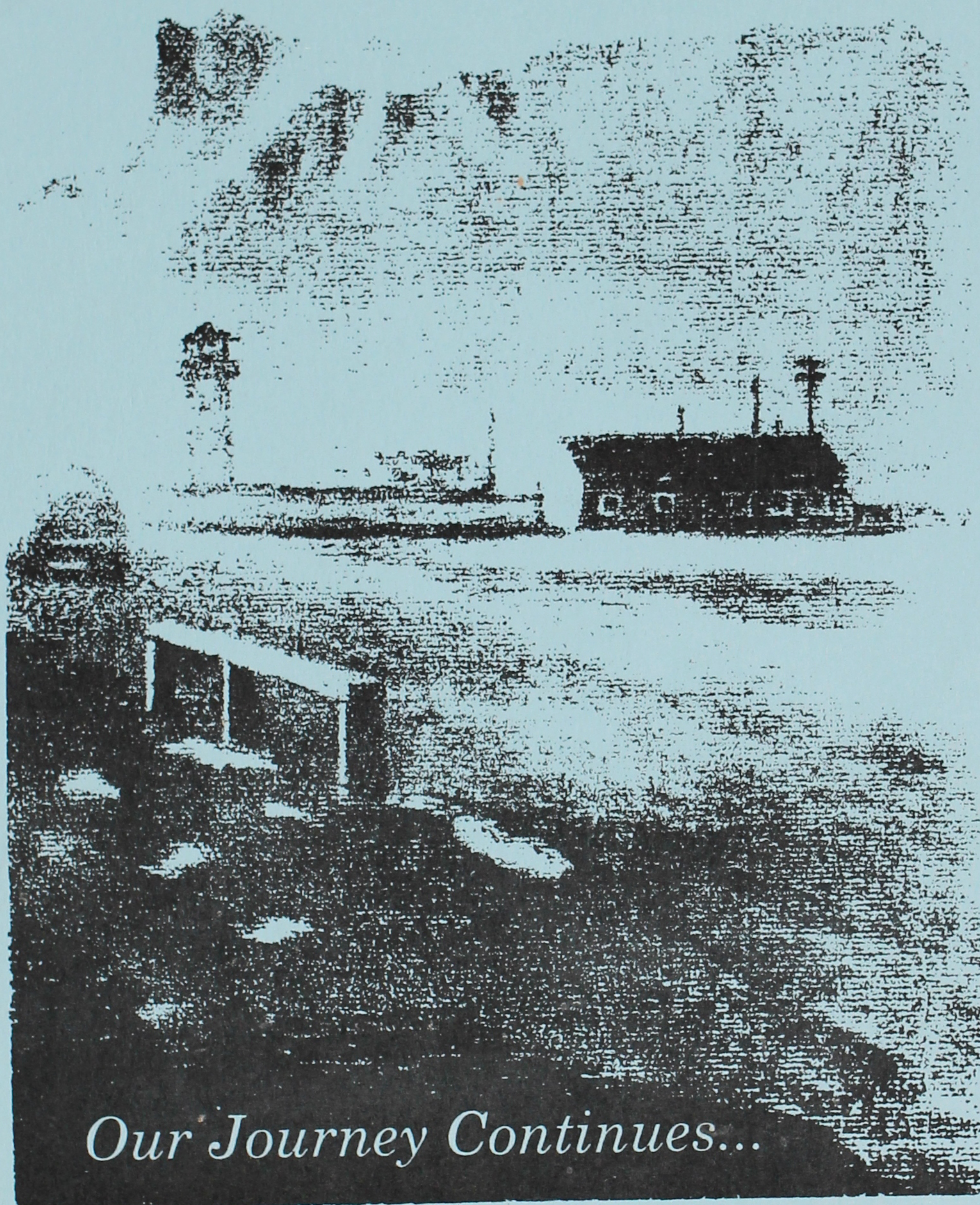


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September 27 - 29, 1991

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Witness to the 1971 Tule Lake Relocation

EXHIBIT 1

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With thanks to all who participated

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Welcome to the 1991 Tule Lake Pilgrimage!

With the recent redress victory, the Japanese American community has erased any remaining doubts that the US government was responsible for the hardships and indignation suffered by the Japanese Americans who were relocated and interned during WWII. This achievement has sparked new interest and awareness in our history and the Japanese American community.

The Tule Lake Committee hopes that our fight for justice will not end with the government apology and symbolic monetary reparations. Throughout the redress movement, former internees expressed their deeply-held desire that similar injustices never recur. However, racial and ethnic communities continue to experience discrimination as illustrated by the FBI harassment of Arab Americans during the Persian Gulf war, and the brutal beating of Rodney King in Los Angeles.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 28

- 7:15 am Motel pick-up
- 8:00 am Breakfast (Home Ec Bldg)
- 9:15 am Morning Program
- MC: Koichi Ando
 - Hope Nakamura, Tule Lake Committee
 - Hiroshi Kashiwagi
- 9:45 am Board buses for Camp Tour
- 10:00 am Tour of Tule Lake Camp site
- 12:00 noon Lunch at fairgrounds (Home Ec Bldg)
- 1:30 pm Workshop Presentation (Commercial Bldg)
- Panelists: Mr. Yoshinori Butsuda
Mrs. Eva Kodani
Mr. Mits Koshiyama
Mr. Al Nakai
 - Facilitator: Reverend Michael Yoshii
- Special Children's Workshop (Home Ec Bldg)
- 2:00 pm Workshop groups: Intergenerational Dialogue
- 3:30 pm Workshop ends
- Free time begins
- Castle Rock (sign-up at breakfast reqd)
 - Lava Beds (sign-up on buses/at breakfast reqd)
 - Tule Lake Museum open
 - Special Workshop: Resistance in the Camps
(prior sign-up - on buses/at breakfast reqd)
- 5:30 pm Dinner (Home Ec Bldg)
- RAFFLE !

(Saturday continued)

7:30 pm Cultural Program (Commercial Bldg)

- Welcome. MC's Judy Sugiyama
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- Keynote Address. Susan Hayase
- Vocal Selections Toru Saito
- Dramatic Reading Hiroshi Kashiwagi
- Children's Performance . Koichi Ando and the
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- Dramatic Reading Lance Yokota
- Taiko Performance. One World Taiko
- Closing Remarks. Judy Sugiyama

9:30 pm First bus back to motel.

10:00 pm Final bus back to motel.

Sunday, September 29

7:00 am Breakfast at fairgrounds (Home Ec Bldg)

Reminder! Motel folks arrange their own
breakfast.

8:15 am Fairgrounds people leave to rendezvous with
motel people at Klamath Falls

8:45 am Assemble at motel - leave for cemetery.

9:00 am Memorial Service at Linkville Cemetery

- Rev. Lester Suzuki, United Methodist Church
- Laurie Ozone, Tule Lake Committee

10:00 am All buses depart for home

1:00 pm Lunch stop

7:00 pm Arrive in Bay Area

HISTORY OF TULE LAKE

Tule Lake is where one of America's largest concentration camps was located during World War II. Over 18,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were placed in this desolate area near the Oregon border, where dust storms and cold muddy winters added to the misery of their incarceration. The experience of those at Tule Lake reflected the experiences of over 100,000 other Japanese Americans (Nikkei) who spent WWII behind barbed wire fences in their own country.

Tule Lake and nine other major camps were established after President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 in 1942 following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Fueled by wartime hysteria and decades of anti-Asian racism, the United States government used the Order to command over 110,000 West Coast residents of Japanese descent to leave their homes for assembly centers, where they were transported to the 10 concentration camps. The affected residents were given very little time to secure their homes and businesses and were generally forced to sell many of their belongings because they were only allowed to take what they could carry to camp. As a result the Nikkei community suffered great economic losses.

When the Tule Lake camp was opened, many of its residents had come from the Sacramento area by way of the Walerga Assembly Center. Another sizeable portion of Tule Lake's population was drawn from Pinedale Assembly Center in western Washington. However, the composition of the internees changed dramatically when the camp became a "segregation center" in 1943.

The segregation of internees into "loyals" and "disloyals" began with the controversial questionnaire that the War Relocation Authority (WRA) and the U.S. War Department devised, ostensibly to facilitate the leave clearance process. By the end of 1942 a few Nikkei had begun leaving the camps to enter colleges or work in factories in the Midwest and East Coast. The WRA subjected them to loyalty investigations before they were allowed to leave. In late January 1943, a Loyalty Questionnaire was produced, not only for those requesting leave clearances, but also to screen young Japanese Americans for military service eligibility. The WRA eventually made the questionnaire mandatory for all internees over the age of 17 years.

The Loyalty Questionnaire produced questions and controversy in all the camps. Questions 27 and 28, in particular, created the most confusion and became the foundation for segregation. Question 27 asked, "Are you willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States on combat duty, wherever ordered?" Question 28 asked,

"Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the [U.S.] and faithfully defend the United States from any or all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and forswear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, to any other government, power, or organization?"

Many men and women feared that a yes answer to #27 would allow them to be drafted into military service. Many Issei (first generation), who were prohibited from becoming American citizens were fearful that an affirmation of question 28 would make them stateless persons. Others believed that a Yes-Yes response would prove their loyalty to the United States and allow them to join the Army and fight Germany and Japan. There were others who thought that a No-No answer or a mixed or qualified response was a means to protest the government's actions against them. Among those who gave negative and mixed answers were persons who did not want to be forced to move and be separated from their families. There were also many who were embittered by the U.S. government's treatment and developed pro-Japan sentiments.

Since Tule Lake was already located in a restricted zone and had the highest proportion of negative or qualified responses to the Loyalty Oath, the Army and WRA designated it as a segregation center. In September of 1943, about 6,000 internees were sent out of Tule Lake as about 8,600 arrived from the other camps. The following June, another 3,600 were added. Those who had "failed" the loyalty test now made up two-thirds of Tule Lake's population. The remaining third were the original Tule Lake internees who had chosen to stay.

After segregation, internees found themselves at odds with the administration over issues including the quantity and quality of food and fair payment for work. In the fall of 1943, camp officials refused to allow a public funeral when a farm truck overturned and killed an internee. These grievances sparked

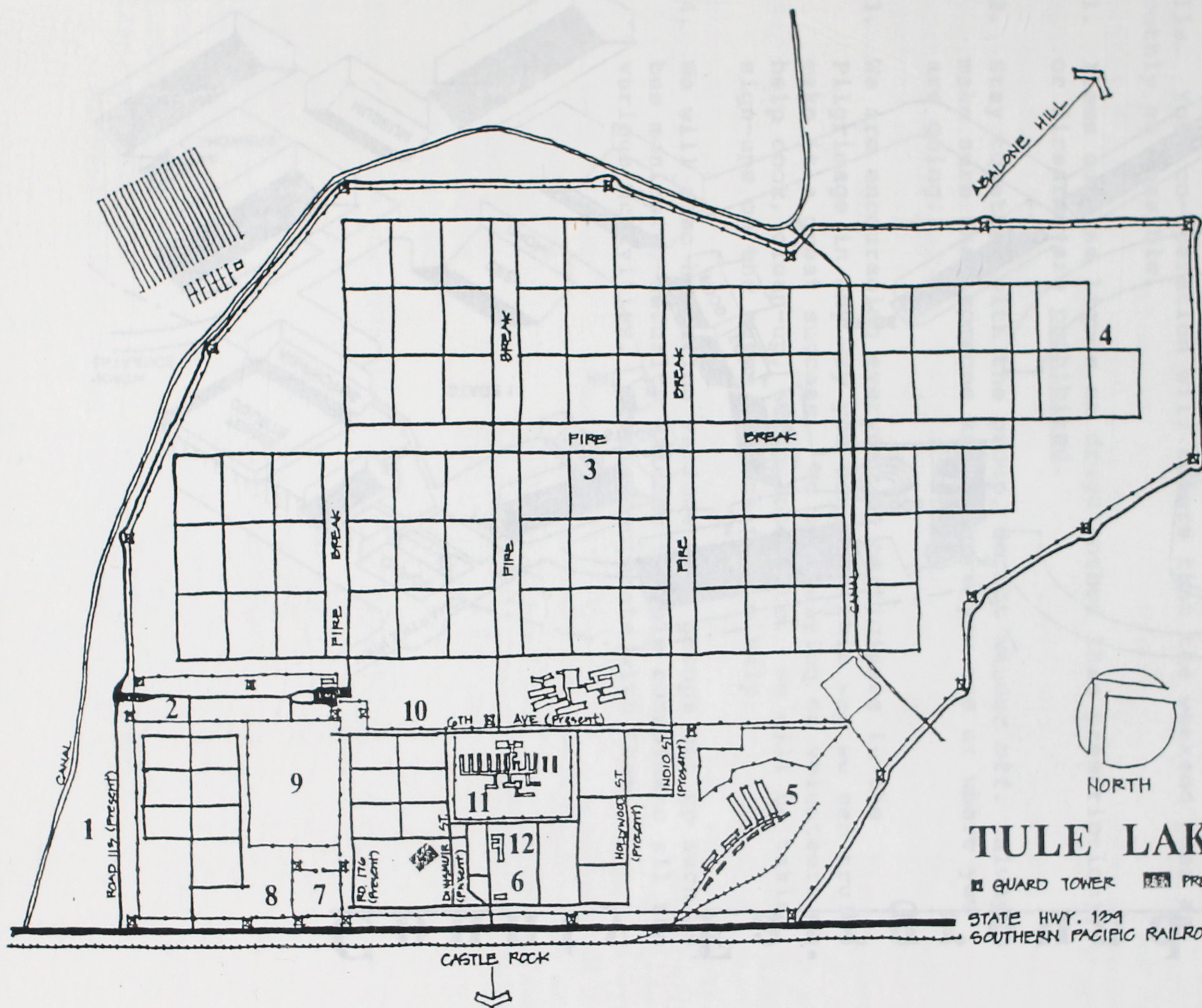
numerous protests. One major protest ensued that escalated into violence. Officials arrested camp leaders and placed them into stockades. Martial law was soon declared on November 13, 1943 and was not lifted until January 14, 1944.

In response to the demonstration and violence at Tule Lake, Congress passed the "Denationalization Act on July 1, 1944, which President Roosevelt signed into law. This allowed Americans to renounce their citizenship in times of war. The measure was the product of efforts to deport Japanese Americans, especially the ones thought to be trouble makers in the camps. At Tule Lake, seven of every ten Nisei renounced their U.S. citizenship. But many relinquished their citizenship due to duress, intimidation, or the general confusion of those times at Tule Lake. As the final year of the camps operation took place, as many as 5,000 Tule Lake Nisei sought to regain their citizenship.

Tule Lake was the last camp to close, which it did officially on March 29, 1946. The camp site and the 2900 acres of farmland, where internees produced food for the Army, Navy, and the other camps, reverted from the WRA to the Bureau of Land Management. Later, the area was opened to veterans for homesteading.

The lives of those who left Tule Lake, as well as the other camps, were not as easily resumed. Homes and farms that had been abandoned or left in the hands of "friends" were often lost or vandalized. Families who had worked and saved for a lifetime found themselves having to start over again. The Nisei renouncers, who became classified as "native American aliens", would not regain their citizenship until 1968 after filing over 10,000 affidavits.

Tule Lake is unique among the 10 camps because of its characterization as a segregation camp and repatriation point. But, the denial of basic constitutional rights, the feelings of betrayal by one's country, and the questioning of one's loyalty were experiences that were shared by all Nikkei during that period. The perseverance and determination to challenge these injustices are also part of that history. Based on what we read and what we will hear and see during this pilgrimage, let us consider our trip to Tule Lake as the first stop on a journey for justice that continues.



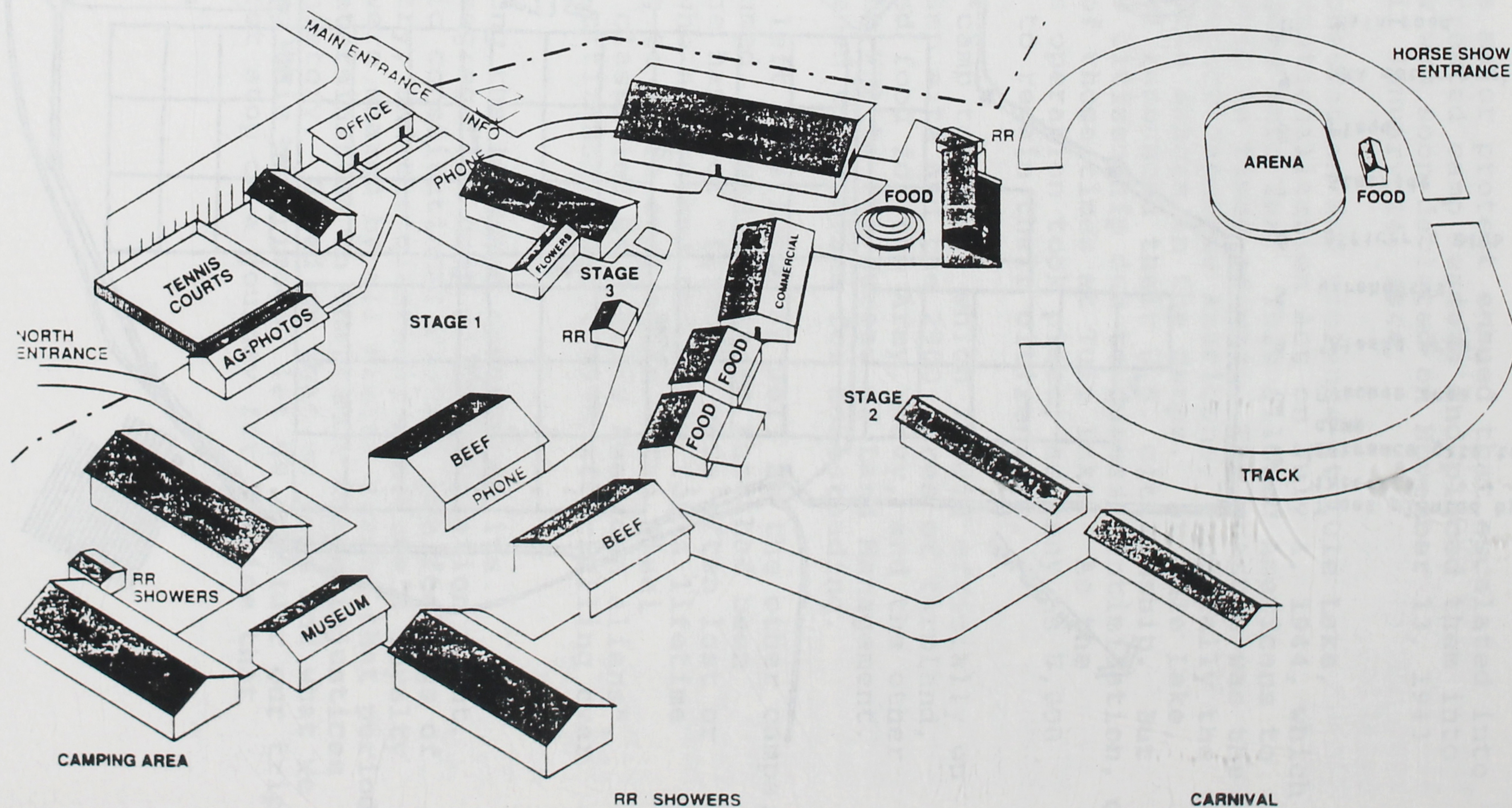
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- 4 'Alaska Area'
- 5 Warehouses
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- 9 WRA motor pool
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1. Items such as liquor or drugs (other than prescription), or firearms are prohibited.
2. Stay together with the group, do not wander off. Always make sure that someone knows where you are or where you are going.
3. We are encouraging everyone to participate in the Pilgrimage in any way you can...in this way we can truly make it a great success. We are relying on volunteers to help cook, clean-up, serve food, etc. We will be taking sign-ups on the buses, please try to help.
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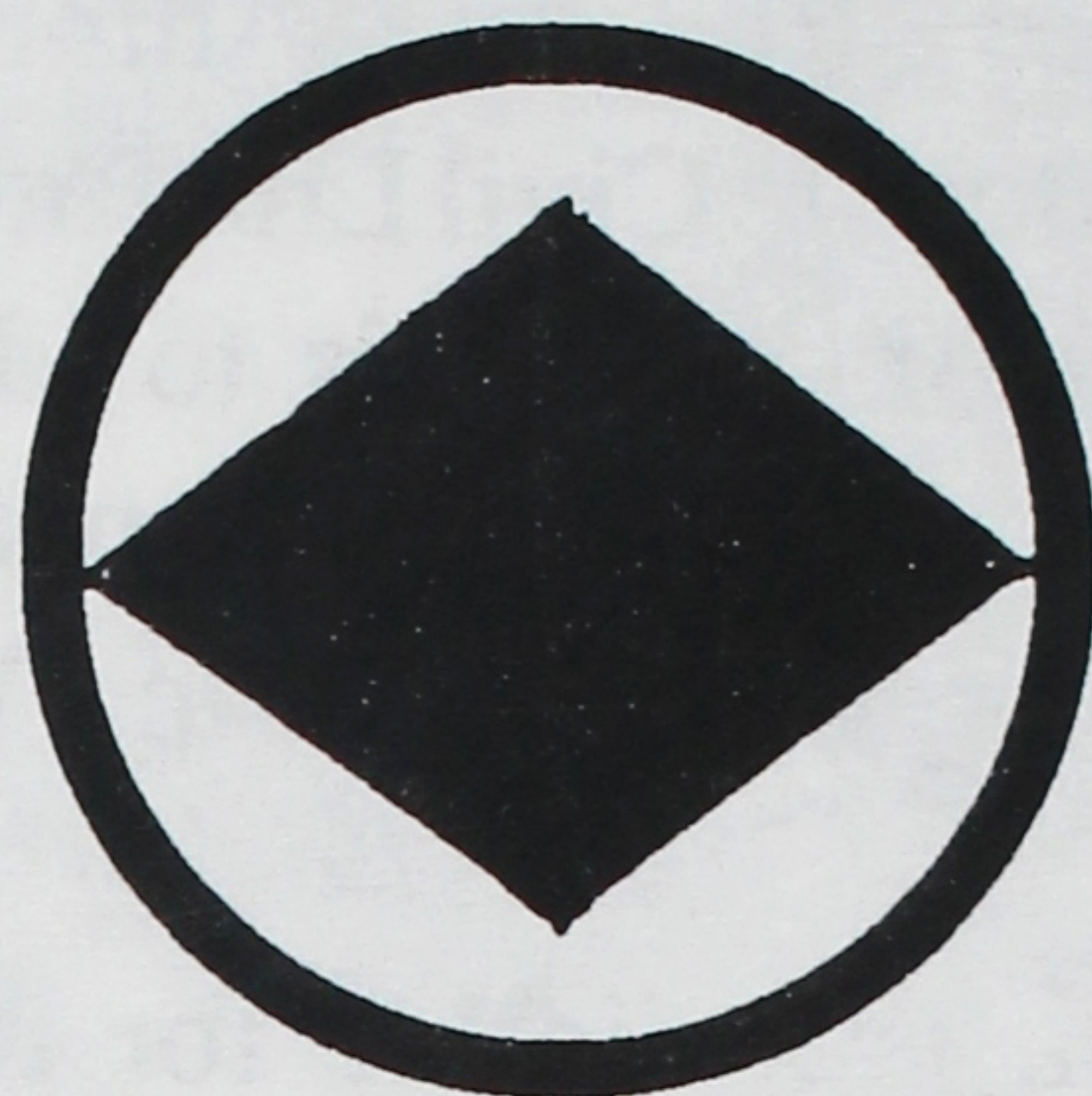
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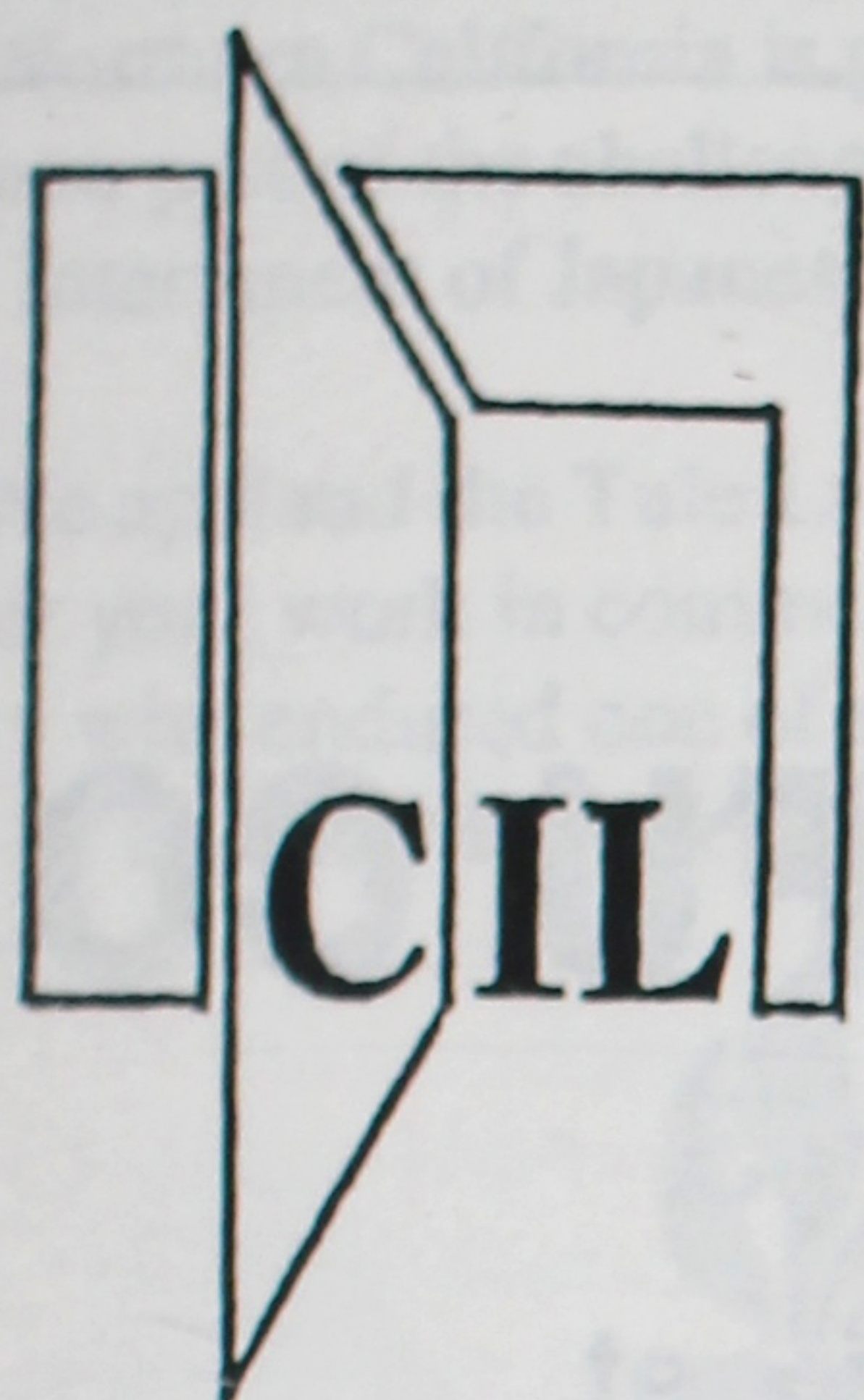
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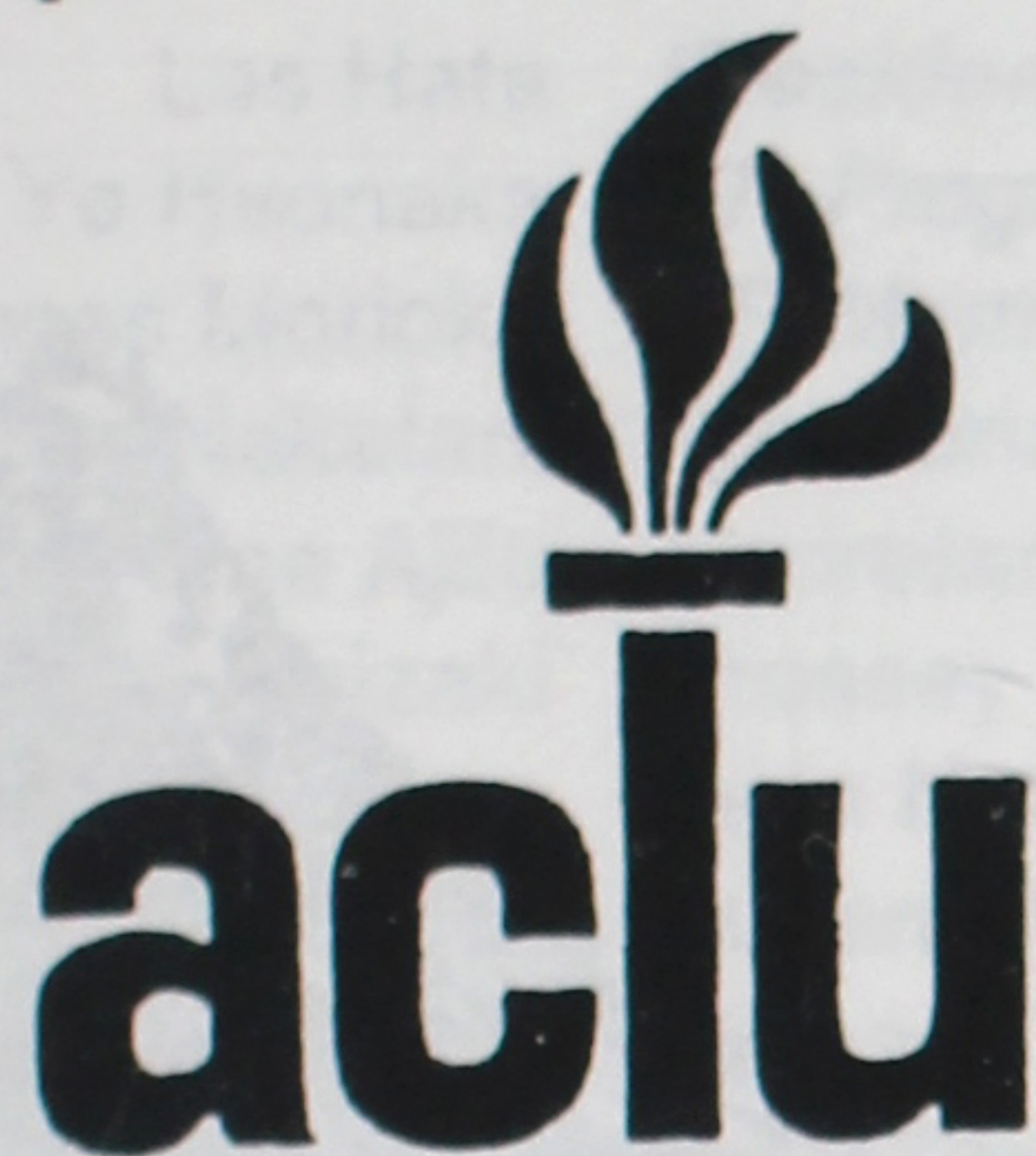
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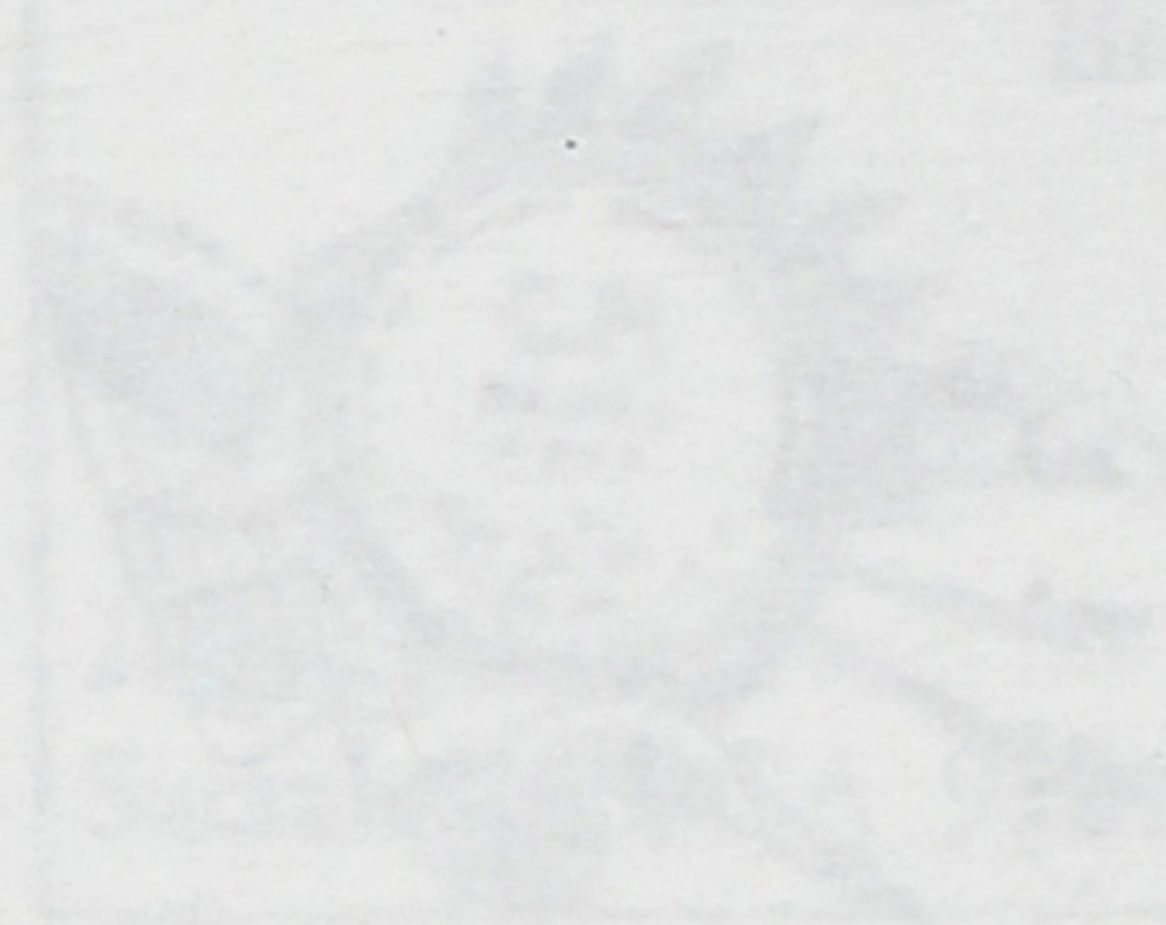
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